

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
AUGUST 28, 2009**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in special session on Friday, August 28, 2009, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	Present
Board member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Absent

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. Two of the three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose. Mayor Schmitt said the purpose of the special meeting is to approve an agreement with Indiana Railway Museum for an August 29, 2009 event.

LIMITED PRELIMINARY RAILWAY SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mayor Schmitt said City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Attorney Bill Kaiser from the Bingham McHale law office are working on an agreement with Indiana Railway Museum Inc [IRM] to hire IRM to provide certain services and use their train tracks in order to provide assistance in the operation of the City's train. The agreement is not finalized therefore a limited agreement that will allow the equipment to be utilized for the August 29, 2009 inaugural run is being presented to the Board for consideration.

Mayor Schmitt said the attorneys reviewed the limited agreement between the City of Jasper and IRM that covers issues such as insurance, services that will be provided by IRM, and fees for the August 29, 2009 train ride from Jasper to French Lick and back. Schmitt added that IRM has applied for and received a dining car permit that will allow them to serve alcohol while the train is moving. A letter of authorization for an alcohol permit was received and will be posted to allow the Schnitzelbank Restaurant to serve alcohol on August 29th.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve and enter into a Limited Preliminary Railway Services Agreement between IRM and the City of Jasper and authorize the Mayor to be the signatory on the agreement. Motion carried 2-0.

PARKING FOR JURORS

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said the County requested the City come up with a parking agreement for juror parking. The parking lot lease the County has with Old National Bank will be terminated at the end of this month. The Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and City Attorney looked at some spaces and at this time can offer the parking lot at 6th and Mill Street, with the overflow utilizing some parking spaces at the 6th Street Fire Station, and then parking in the all-day parking with permit areas. There could be a jury trial next week so a proposal was made to the County but we have not heard back from them.

Mayor Schmitt said to better understand the issue, the County needs to take steps to secure parking but have not addressed it permanently. The City needs to regulate parking for the downtown businesses. Having the Court House and City Hall in the downtown area is a good thing because it keeps the downtown active and vibrant. The Courts have told the County they have to provide parking for the jurors. In the past, the County paid for the parking tickets that were issued to the jurors but have discovered it is not allowed per the State Board of Accounts. If we allow the jurors to parking in the 6th and Mill Street lot or on the street, we are taking parking away from people who have parking passes so the City needs to be compensated. We need to work with the County because this issue does become the City's problem if the jurors park around the Square.

Thomas Schmidt said he agrees with the Mayor that the Court House keeps things going in the area and the City needs to do what we can to help as well as help those who paid for an all-day parking permit.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to have the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and City Attorney continue to work out parking details for the jurors. Motion carried 2-0.

BRAMES ROAD FIRE STATION PARKING LOT BIDS

City Engineer Chad Hurm said at the August 25, 2009 meeting, bids for replacing the parking lot at the fire station on Brames Road were taken under advisement. Hurm said he reviewed the bids and they appear to be in order. He recommended accepting the low bid submitted by Jasper Lumber Co. for \$48,465.00.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to accept the low bid from Jasper Lumber Co. for \$48,465.00. Motion carried 2-0.

QUOTES FOR PULVERIZER/SCREENER BUCKET

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said at the August 25, 2009 meeting, a quote for a pulverizer/screener bucket from Ken Burns Inc was taken under advisement. That was the only quote received at the meeting. Later that day a second quote was received. Because the quote from Ken Burns Inc was over the estimated amount placed in the budget and because Eckerle felt the quote was too high, he recommended the quote be rejected. He also recommended returning the unopened quote and to seek new quotes.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to reject the pulverizer quote from August 25, 2009 and allow the street commissioner to re-advertise for new quotes. Motion carried 2-0.

MICRO SURFACING QUOTES

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said micro surfacing where modified asphalt is used is another method for preserving streets. He looked at streets in other cities that used this method but has not seen the long term results. Eckerle said he selected certain streets to be tested and obtained quotes from two companies who use similar but different processes. The estimates are:

Pavement Solutions Inc. \$2.32 per sq. yd for 14,410 sq. yards =\$33,431.20

Strawser Construction, Inc. \$3.16 per sq. yd for 13,000 sq. yards =\$41,080.00

Eckerle said he increased the square yards slightly on Strawser's quote.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the request from the street commissioner to do two test projects, one from Pavement Solutions Inc. and one from Strawser Construction Inc. on the listed streets. Motion carried 2-0.

Eckerle said they will be doing the rejuvenator project starting next Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

DUBOIS COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE GRANT

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin asked permission to apply for a grant from the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council to pay for the breathalyzer yearly maintenance fee of \$650.00 and for the yearly Verizon fees for the direct phone line that connects to the Indiana University Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to authorize the police chief to apply for a grant from the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council. Motion carried 2-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0 and the special meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without corrections or clarification this 8th day of September, 2009.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary